

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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--Claim ~~8~~⁶ (New) A satellite system above a landmass comprising:
a service area on a surface of the earth having a predetermined minimum elevation angle from the horizon;
a satellite having an eccentric, substantially 24-hour period geosynchronous orbit with respect to the earth, and having a sky track when viewed from within said service area, said orbit comprising a plurality of points through which the satellite passes and being inclined relative to an equatorial plane of the earth; and
an operating arc defined by a subset of points on said sky track over said service area, said subset of points less than said plurality of points, said satellite operating on said operating arc.--

--Claim ~~9~~⁷ (New) A satellite system above a landmass comprising:
a service area on a surface of the earth having a predetermined minimum elevation angle from the horizon;
a satellite having an eccentric, substantially 24-hour period geosynchronous orbit with respect to the earth and having a sky track when viewed from within said service area, said orbit being inclined relative to an equatorial plane of the earth at an inclination angle at least 45 degrees; and
an operating arc defined by a subset of points on said sky track over said service area, said satellite operating on said operating arc.--

--~~10~~⁸ (New) A satellite system as recited in claim ~~9~~⁷ wherein said inclination angle is at least 50 degrees.--

--~~11~~⁹ (New) A satellite system as recited in claim ~~9~~⁷ wherein said inclination angle is at least 60 degrees.--